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SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT CRAB VESSEL OPERATIONS

1. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH JFA OFFICIALS CONCERNING INDEPENDENT CRAB VESSEL OPERATIONS IN BERING SEA, JAPANESE OFFERED POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO OBSERVER REQUIREMENTS OF US FOREIGN FISHING VESSEL REGULATIONS. AFTER EXPLORING RANGE OF POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS SUCH AS CHECK IN-CHECK OUT PROCEDURES AT DUTCH HARBOR OR ADAK, USE OF SEPARATE PROCESSING VESSEL, OBSERVER MONITORING ON VESSELS, ETC., JFA OFFICIALS SAID TO BLONDIN THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES OF A PATROL VESSEL THAT COULD ACCOMMODATE ONE (1) OR TWO (2) OBSERVERS WHO WOULD OPERATE FROM PATROL VESSEL TO MONITOR INDEPENDENT CRAB FLEET OPERATIONS. IN ADDITION IF NECESSARY THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT UP TO TWO (2) ADDITIONAL OBSERVERS ASSIGNED ABOARD SELECTED CRAB VESSELS.

2. JFA OFFICIALS EXPLAINED THAT CRABS ARE PROCESSED ON EACH VESSEL USING A FREEZING PROCESS IN WHICH CRABS ARE PACKED IN STANDARD CARTONS OF 5 OR 10 KGS. ONE CARTON OF 5 KGS CONTAINS MEAT FROM 12 CRABS AND IS EASILY IDENTIFIED SINCE PROCESSING CONSISTS OF SPLITTING CRAB INTO TWO PARTS. THEY ESTIMATED
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PROCESSED CRAB WEIGHT IS SIXTY (60) PERCENT OF WHOLE CRAB WEIGHT.

3. IF PERMITTED INDEPENDENT CRAB VESSEL OPERATIONS, JFA OFFICIALS ESTIMATE QUOTA OF 2,700 METRIC TONS OR APPROXIMATELY 3.9 TO 4 MILLION CRABS. 20 TO 30 VESSELS WOULD BE INVOLVED.

4. INSPECTION OF FREEZER SPACES FEASIBLE AND BELIEVE CAN EASILY

ESTIMATE CARGO IN HOLDS SINCE STANDARD VESSELS AND STANDARD FREEZER SPACES INVOLVED. ALSO, TRANSFERS TO CARGO VESSELS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IN PRESENCE OF OBSERVER AND BELIEVE 2 TO 4 OBSERVERS COULD FULLY MONITOR OPERATIONS.

5. BLONDIN SUGGESTS MATTER BE DISCUSSED WITH RIETZE, ALVERSON AND AYERS. REQUEST IF POSSIBLE THAT DECISION BE MADE THIS WEEK SINCE JFA OFFICIALS NEED AT LEAST 30 DAYS TO CHARTER 500 TON VESSEL FOR PATROL PURPOSES AND MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. VESSELS DEPART JAPAN IN EARLY MAY FOR FISHING GROUNDS.
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